



SATURDAY EVENING, JUNE 4, 1904.

MR. RICHARDSON, of Tennessee, the predecessor of Mr. Williams, as floor leader of the House of Representatives, says:

If the democratic party had nominated Senator Gorman, of Maryland, for President in 1892 there would today be a democrat in the White House. Gorman would have been re-nominated and re-elected, and his administration would have been of such a high character that upon the strength of it his successor would have been a democrat. I know of no one in the democratic party today who can get more votes than the Maryland Senator. If any democrat can be elected, he can.

The opinion of Mr. Richardson is shared by a large number of the most astute democratic politicians in the country, who agree that no mistake would be made in the nomination next July of Mr. Gorman for the party's presidential candidate. Mr. Gorman's strength in the rank and file of his party is known; that of the other candidates is problematical.

MORE details of the terrible fighting in the battle of Kin Chow, or Nanshan Hill, 25 miles north of Port Arthur, May 25 and 26, are coming through.

The official report of General Stoessel, the Russian commander, has passed the Japanese cordon and reached St. Petersburg. He states that his batteries at Kin Chow were annihilated and gives the Russian loss in killed and wounded at 830. A Tokio dispatch yesterday says the Japanese loss was 744 killed and 3,560 wounded, a total of 4,304. It is believed these figures will be further increased. There is no telling how long this sanguinary struggle is to continue. The temple of Janus, from present appearances, is likely to remain open for a long period. In the meantime thousands of lives are being sacrificed, millions of dollars spent and the industrial and agricultural pursuits of two large nations brought almost to a standstill.

REPRESENTATIVE BURTON, of Ohio, chairman of the rivers and harbors committee, was in Washington a day or two ago and said:

It looks to me as if Speaker Cannon will have to take the vice presidential nomination, especially if the Illinois muddle doesn't clear up. The republicans must have Illinois, and if there is going to be any factional trouble there Mr. Cannon will probably be called upon to come into the breach and carry the State.

This is a virtual admission by another of the republican leaders of the weakness of Mr. Roosevelt, which is becoming more and more apparent as the presidential election draws nearer. There is factional trouble in Illinois, and the democrats have a good chance of carrying that State.

"TRADE follows the newspaper advertisement" is the interesting explanation given now of the vast trade of the United States with Canada. The statement is made in a paper prepared by Mr. George Johnston, the Dominion statistician, for the information of the Duke of Argyll. This proposition is self-evident, and no wise merchant should wait for his attention to be called to it. One of the most patent illustrations of its truth is the fact that the most prosperous merchants of the world are liberal advertisers. The newspapers of the large cities contain daily elaborate advertisements of merchants who names are in nearly every household in the country.

THE LIBERTY BELL has been taken from Independence Hall in Philadelphia and started on its journey to St. Louis. The exhibition of this interesting relic of the infancy of the American republic causes a small minority to lapse into reveries and reproduces reminiscences of other and purer days. Its chimes, however, fall upon many thoughtless ears in this day, as the bell has long since ceased to stimulate patriotism as in the days of our grandfathers. It was music to those who listened to its ringing one hundred and twenty-eight years ago, but their successors are more interested in other things than the bell of liberty.

MR. McLane's Will. The will of the late Mayor Robert M. McLane, who died May 30th last, was probated yesterday in the Orphans' Court, of Baltimore.

The principal bequest in the will is \$10,000 to Mrs. Van Bibber, widow of Dr. John Van Bibber, whom Mayor McLane married shortly before his death. It is said that Mrs. McLane may either take this provision made for her or claim the share of the estate to which she is entitled as Mr. McLane's widow, but that she cannot take both the legacy and her widow's share of the estate. Mrs. McLane's share of the estate, as the couple have no children, would be one-half.

The will also contains bequests of \$700 to servants and gives the balance of the estate to Mr. McLane's relatives. It is said that the estate is valued at from \$15,000 to 20,000.

The wages of 30,000 operatives of Fall River, Mass., will not be cut on June 12 as proposed by the cotton manufacturers.

## From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, D. C., June 4. The chief of the Bureau of Statistics of the Agricultural Department today issued a bulletin estimating the total area planted in cotton in the United States this season at 31,730,371 acres, an increase of 2,323,016 acres, or 9.8 percent upon the acreage planted last year. The average condition of the growing crop on May 26 was 83, as compared with 74.1 on May 26, 1903, 95.1 at the corresponding date in 1902, and a ten-year average of 85.8.

The Japanese legation this morning received cable advice giving the total casualties on the Japanese side in the battle of Kinchow-Nanshan on May 26 at 4,204. The dead numbered 749, of which 33 were officers. The wounded were 3,455, which included 100 officers. It is understood that there were no casualties among the generals.

Admiral Chadwick advises the government from Tangier that in his opinion the presence of a large American fleet at that place is having a salutary effect upon both the Moroccan officials and Raisuli. However, he does not report any advance made toward the rescue of Messrs. Perdicaris and Varley. It is unfortunate that just at this time occurs the annual sacred festival of the Mohammedan church, since it is likely to delay the rescue by two or more weeks. It may be recalled that the last important business between this country and Morocco came about three years ago at just this season. Thomas Criddle was then the acting secretary of State and at his behest an American ship went to Tangier to attempt the collection of a claim believed to be due an American citizen. Arrived at Tangier the ship found that it was the season of religious observances and it was notified that the Moroccan capital would for a time become a peripatetic affair, moving from place to place. At the crucial moment, when the American commander was deciding what measures he should adopt to follow the fleeing government, the claim was found to be fraudulent.

There is a firm belief on the part of men here in touch with national politics that the efforts to induce President Roosevelt to decide upon someone other than General B. C. G. to be the chairman of the national committee will fail.

Forty-two persons at Murcia, Spain, have died as the result of ptomaine poisoning caused by eating canned preserves.

A destructive fire today at Pirmbansen, Germany, destroyed 150 houses, while fifty houses were also reduced to ashes at Mellen, in the province of Pomerania.

The reply of the Sultan of Morocco to the English and American demands relative to efforts to obtain the release of Perdicaris and his stepson is expected on Monday.

Princess Marie Ernestine, of Hanover, the second sister of the ruling Duke Ernest Augustus of Cumberland and Brunswick, died at her palace at Gmunden today.

Signor Marconi, the wireless telegraph inventor, with two admiralty experts, sailed from Liverpool for New York today, aboard the Cunard liner Campania. They will conduct wireless experiments during the voyage.

A number of workmen and students in the Russian province of Livonia organized a revolutionary movement at Riga and today made a demonstration. Cossacks were summoned, and a prolonged riot ensued. Five Cossacks and 23 of the rioters were killed, and 127 persons were placed under arrest.

It is reported that an engagement has occurred between the British and Thibetan forces in which the British captured two Thibetan four pounders. A Thibetan general is said to have been killed. Colonel Younghusband, in command of the British Thibetan expedition, has sent an ultimatum to the Grand Lama, but the general in command of the Thibetan forces refused to forward the communication, and contemptuously returned it to the British commander.

Dutch troops, according to an official dispatch received at the Hague today have arrested and captured a native spy in the Dutch East Indies. The Dutch lost one officer killed and two officers and thirty men wounded. The natives lost 170 men killed.

The wedding of Princess Alexandra, of Cumberland, and the Duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin has been postponed owing to the death today of Princess Mary, of Hanover.

## TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVITIES.

D. W. Halbur, of Beaver Dam, Wis., State secretary of the Baptist Association, announced yesterday that John D. Rockefeller had withdrawn his support of \$100,000 a year from the Baptist Church, of which he is a member.

Last night at nine o'clock a murderous assault was made on Dr. Frederick Hayes in his office in Buffalo, N. Y., by three men. Following the assault, an attempt was made to rob the physician, as he lay on the floor. Mrs. Hayes entered the doctor's office and her screams frightened the thugs and they made their escape.

Arthur C. Allen, of Washington, D. C., was turned over today to the United States authorities at Trenton, N. J., to answer a charge of raising the face value of a money order in Camden, N. J. Allen has been indicted by the federal grand jury on the charge at Trenton.

Serious trouble, resulting from the gradual breaking up of the water blockade on the great lakes, is feared in Buffalo, N. Y. Demonstrations of the Mothers and Wives' Association are greatly increased at the desertions from their ranks.

While attempting to break into the White-Hollister mansion at Rutherford, N. J., this morning, two burglars were surprised by a collector, and one of them was shot and killed by the officer. The other burglar escaped.

## Guatemala and Mexico.

The strained relations between Guatemala and Mexico are likely to increase by reason of the maltreatment of a priest who escaped from his tormentors by rushing into the Mexican embassy at Guatemala. He was followed by the soldiers and dragged from his place of refuge. The Mexican minister, hearing of this violation of the precincts of the legation, rushed to the President and demanded an explanation. This was refused, and the minister, in rage, declared a proposed tea he was about to give postponed. He is expected to take vigorous action in the matter, regarding the possible outcome of which there are many wild rumors current.

The Southern Railway Company has purchased of Mr. Loose several acres on the Manassas branch road near the coal bins for the purpose of putting in a "Y" in order to handle more effectively the ballast trains from Thoroughfare to the main line.

## News of the Day.

Mr. H. L. Fry, now roadmaster of the Southern Railway, has been promoted to be engineer of maintenance of way, with headquarters at Greensboro, N. C.

Admiral Dewey laid the cornerstone of the new naval academy chapel at Annapolis yesterday. The address was delivered by Secretary of the Navy Moody.

The presence in New York of Senator Gorman and Mr. J. M. Guifey, of Pennsylvania, has led to rumors that an attempt may be made to unite the anti-Parker forces and puncture the Parker boom.

Congressman John S. Williams in a brilliant letter points out the absurdity of the attitude taken by President Roosevelt in his letter read at the second anniversary celebration of Cuba's independence.

The negotiations for the merger of the National Bank of Baltimore with the National Union Bank were officially declared off yesterday, which leaves the status of the two banks the same as before there was any movement toward consolidation.

As anticipated Charles S. Deneen was nominated for governor of Illinois by the republican State convention yesterday evening. Thus was ended the most famous deadlock in Illinois politics since John A. Logan was named for United States Senator many years ago. The ballot on which he was nominated was the seventy-ninth and thirteenth one taken by the convention yesterday. It resulted as follows: Deneen, 957; Lowden, 522; Warner, 21; Yates, 1.

## Editor Daniels Released.

The contempt proceedings at Federal Judge Purnell against Editor Joseph Daniels, of the Raleigh, N. C., News and Observer, who has been in custody since Monday, for refusal to pay a \$2,000 fine, was ended yesterday afternoon. Mr. Daniels being released. The habeas corpus writ was heard by Judge Peter C. Pritchard, the new justice of the Fourth district, who went from Washington for that purpose. United States Marshal Dockery brought Mr. Daniels into court at 3 o'clock. A great crowd of negroes and three of the negroes have been killed also. The country is in a state of intense excitement, and it is feared further trouble may ensue between the whites and blacks. The fight started about 10 o'clock Thursday night, when Sims and Cato were shot down in their store by a negro named Samuel Clark. Sims was engaged in checking up his cash when Clark came in. Before he could make any kind of move Clark raised a Winchester and fired, the shot taking effect first in Sims' back and then breaking the collar bone. He died instantly. Clark immediately turned on Cato, the manager, who was in another part of the store, and shot him in the right side, the ball coming out on the left side. Cato staggered into the back of the store, and as he reached the door a negro convict named Van Horn, who was in waiting, struck him over the head with a rifle. Cato died yesterday morning, and the physician gives it as his opinion that the blow over the head caused his death.

News of the tragedy was immediately sent to Greenville, and Sheriff John Crouch with a posse went to the scene. The negroes Van Horn and Clark had made their escape before the posse arrived, but the trail of Van Horn was found and he was tracked about a quarter of a mile into the woods. Here another negro convict named Mayfield interfered with the posse, and he was shot down in his tracks. Van Horn was captured and taken to Leland, 14 miles distant, where he was placed in the jail. He remained in jail all night under a strong guard, and yesterday morning he was taken out and lynched by a mob. While the sheriff and posse were busy with Van Horn the other negro, Sam Clark, returned to Sims' store with the intention, it is said, of killing Buck Williams, the other partner, and the bookkeeper, named Crow, who was also at work, and others. Crow, however, after the previous shooting, had armed himself and a negro who worked about the place named Aaron Fuller. When Clark made his appearance he was shot by both Crow and Fuller and killed. It is believed at Trail Lake that the shooting is the outcome of a meeting held in the vicinity of Trail Lake by a negro secret society, and that the negroes involved were picked out to do the killing.

## A Defaulter.

Thomas M. Fields, lawyer, well-known man about Washington, and co-trustee, with Andrew A. Lipscomb, of the defunct Washington Beneficial Endowment Association, has, on his own admission, embezzled the total assets of the company, aggregating about \$16,000. Information was lodged late yesterday afternoon with the United States district attorney by Mr. Lipscomb, who learned of the defalcation of Fields on May 23, when he received a letter from the latter admitting his offense. Fields is also wanted in Washington in connection with a fund of \$2,000, which was turned over to him by the court for Mrs. William Burke, in January, 1901, but which has not yet been paid. A rule has been issued for Fields to show why he should not return this sum of money to the court, but Fields has so far successfully eluded the summons.

## Pelted With Mud.

Instigated, it is said, by a rejected lover of the bride, the guests at the wedding of Miss Grace Hampe and William Devos were pelted with rocks and mud balls as they alighted from their carriages in front of the bride's residence in Baltimore on Tuesday night. The throwing was done by a gang of hoodlums said to have been employed by one of the young men who have paid court to Miss Hampe. The young lady is a remarkably pretty girl, and a great favorite in the social circles of North Baltimore. She is completely petrified by the assault on the wedding guests. William Hampe, brother of the bride, declares he was advised in an anonymous note last week that the bride and groom and guests would be egged.

## Death of a Baltimorean.

Mr. William Keyser, one of the most progressive and respected business men of Baltimore, died suddenly from a stroke of apoplexy which seized him while he was walking on the lawn at his country home, Brentwood, near Reisterstown, yesterday afternoon about 5:15 o'clock. Mr. Keyser was 59 years of age, having been born in Baltimore November 23, 1855. He was engaged in general business lines, until he became identified with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, after which time he became well known throughout the railroad and business world. For several years up to July 31, 1881, Mr. Keyser served as second vice president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad under the late John W. Garrett.

## Memorial Day at Manassas.

At the Confederate memorial exercises held at Manassas yesterday the crowd was unusually large. Hon. J. B. Thompson acted as master of ceremonies.

Among those who made addresses were Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, Lieut. Gen. Joseph E. Willard, Congressman John P. Rixey and Col. Edmund Berkeley. Dr. H. M. Clarkson read an original poem and Miss Lulu Larkin sang a solo. Judge C. E. Nicol, on behalf of Miss Herrell, presented General Lee with a beautiful bouquet "as an expression of the esteem in which he is held by the people of Manassas."

## The Galt Will Sustained.

The jury in the Galt will case in Washington yesterday afternoon brought in a verdict in favor of Mrs. Marion V. Elliott, the creditor, sustaining the will in every particular. The suit to break the will of William Galt was instituted by his brother, Hunter Galt, it being alleged that the testator was of unsound mind and that undue influence was used. General attention was attracted to the case because Mr. Henry Elliott, of this city, a lawyer and witness, was sent to jail by Justice Wright for refusing to answer a question of one of counsel.

## Virginia News.

Mrs. Nancy Updike, aged thirty years, died on Thursday at her home, near Brownstown, in Warren county.

Miss Marie Virginia, youngest daughter of Captain and Mrs. Herrell, and Mr. John Smith Clarke, of Covington, were married at Manassas on Wednesday.

Jacob Rudacille, a prominent farmer of Warren county, died suddenly at his home, near Linneton, aged about sixty-eight years. He leaves a widow and eight children.

The shipment of green peas from the Rappahannock Valley this week has been enormous. One day, after two steamers had gone out loaded with peas, 2,000 barrels had to be left on the wharves below Carter's creek until the next day, when extra steamers were sent and three steamer loads were taken to Baltimore.

At the June meeting of Lynchburg City Council yesterday the bid of Chauncey G. Williams, of Brooklyn, of \$499,360.95 for the construction of the new gravity water plant was accepted. This includes the building of a substantial dam 60 feet high on the headwaters of Pellier river, in Amherst county, some 20 miles from Lynchburg, and the construction of a conduit of cast-iron pipe and wooden stave pipe between there and the city.

While several hundred people searched continuously night and day since last Monday to find the body of Ashby Pugh, who was supposed to have been murdered, and while five men languished in jail on suspicion of being the murderers, Pugh was in hiding in the mountains east of Berryville. Late yesterday afternoon, while Winchester was yet thronged with the searchers who had come there to attend the preliminary trial of the five suspects, Pugh, alive and well, came into town.

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## Today's Telegraphic News.

The War in the East.

Rome, June 4.—A report which has been received at the Vatican from Korea states that Japanese have arrested a number of missionaries who are charged with being Russian spies.

Rome, June 4.—A telegram from Tokio reports that another force of 25,000 Japanese troops and sixty guns have been landed at Takushan. The Japanese, says the telegram, now hold the entire line from Feng-Huang-Cheng to Kai-Ping (the latter twenty-five miles southeast of Niu-chang, and 60 miles southwest of Liao Yang). One hundred and fifty thousand troops are spread along this line prepared to oppose any Russian movement.

Seoul, Korea, June 4.—Three hundred Russian raiders are reported to be in the neighborhood of Ping-Yang, one hundred miles north of Seoul.

Tokio, June 4.—Three engagements between Japanese and different Russian forces from the north occurred on Monday between Port Adams and Kai-Ping. In each case, the Russians were compelled to turn back, the Japanese following.

London, June 4.—Lloyd's Tien Tien correspondent says the existence of floating mines in the vicinity of the Liao-Tung and Shang-Tung promontories is generally believed. Steamers, he says, have been ordered to avoid the mine zone after dark.

St. Petersburg, June 4.—General Sakharoff reports that Cossacks attacked a strong Japanese position at Fen-Chun-Ling pass, near Simadze, sixty miles north of Feng-Huang-Cheng, and drove the Japanese from the heights. The Russian loss was six killed and twenty wounded, including a colonel.

## The Platt-Elias Case.

New York, June 4.—In addition to the array of deputy sheriffs, Pinkerton detectives and process servers who have surrounded the residence of Hannah Elias, the negro, alleged to have been secured by blackmail nearly \$700,000 from John R. Platt, the police reserves of two stations were posted in front of the house today. This precaution was taken because of the crowds that gathered and the fear that negroes and friends of the accused woman may attempt to rescue her. Some of the negroes are rough looking characters and have intimidated their willingness to assist the woman to escape. The Elias woman is still a prisoner in her house, and the butler permits no one to enter except the physician, the woman's lawyer and a few other persons, associated either professionally or in a social sense with the woman. It is believed that the woman will take desperate chances to escape a term in Ludlow street jail, and for that reason many persons think she will attempt to get to the street, either in disguise or by way of some other house.

The crowd around the house increases hourly. Some are against the woman and some are for her, and it is believed that should she appear, willing to give herself up, that her arrest would be the occasion of a riot unless there is sufficient police protection.

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## Suicide of a Bookmaker.

New York, June 4.—Without cause, so far as known, Caesar Young, the well known bookmaker, took his life this morning in a cab while in company with Mrs. Nan Patterson. Young shot himself through the heart, and died almost instantly. The tragedy took place on West Broadway, between North Moore and Franklin streets. The revolver with which Young killed himself, was found in his right coat pocket. Young was a married man, and his wife is at present residing in Menlo Park. It is thought that Young has been heavily hit making books recently, and that he determined to do away with himself, as he told Mrs. Patterson this morning that he was going away and that she might never see him again.

Developments this afternoon indicate that the police were not altogether of the opinion that Young killed himself. Mrs. Patterson was brought over to the coroner's office and after a brief private examination Coroner Brown held her in \$1,000 bail as a witness. In default of bail she was ordered to be taken to the House of Detention after the autopsy was held on the body of Young. The detectives were set to work on the case this morning and from their tips Inspector McCluskey decided to place the information at once before the district attorney's office. A conference with Assistant District Attorney Gans and Coroner Brown was held and as a result the bail for Mrs. Patterson was raised to \$5,000.

Later Gans said that if Mrs. Patterson made any attempt to furnish the bail he would have the bail raised to a prohibitive figure. It was said at Coroner's street court this afternoon that Captain Langan of the central office had in his possession three letters sent by Mrs. Patterson to Young in which she threatened the life of the bookmaker. Capt. Langan, however, denied the possession of the letters. The autopsy on the body of Young will be performed this afternoon. It is stated this afternoon that Young was worth several hundred thousand dollars and for some time had been anxious to discontinue his relations with Mrs. Patterson.

## Kidnaped Children.

Pittsburg, Pa., June 4.—Lawrence C. Phipps, the millionaire, who kidnapped his two little girls from a hotel in New York yesterday, is now on route to his home in Denver, Col. The children are Dorothy, aged five, and Emma, aged two and a half years. Mr. Phipps passed through the city last night en route for Chicago. At East Liberty station Mr. Phipps was joined by five servants from his Pittsburg mansion, one of whom is the old nurse of the children. At the Union station the party was provided with transportation to Chicago. From there they will go on to Denver. A call was made this morning at the splendid mansion of Mr. Phipps on Fifth avenue and Wilkins avenue, "Grand View." The colored butler who answered the bell said he knew nothing about his master's whereabouts, except that he was not at home. Another servant in the house admitted that five servants from the house had joined Mr. Phipps, expecting to go to Denver. However, this servant added that "Mr. Phipps is such a queer man, before he gets to Denver he may end in Europe."

## Cut-rate Steerage Tickets.

Southampton, June 4.—The American line inaugurated its new cut rate for steerage passage on the big liner Philadelphia, which sailed for New York today. Seven hundred and twenty persons took advantage of the new low dollar rate and sailed today. Of this number, about 400 were Jews from Manchester and London. The remainder are Englishmen. In addition to the new low rate the American line officials arranged another innovation in the form of special kosher cooks for the Jews. The English will have their meals served separately and their cabins will also be separate from those of the Jews. Six persons who applied for passage were rejected before the liner sailed.

## Suicides.

Trenton, N. J., June 4.—Three persons sought death by suicide in Trenton and vicinity last night and two of them were successful. Mrs. Mary West drowned herself near her home at Hamilton Square, accomplishing self destruction in an unusual and gruesome manner. Alexander Humphrey, a Philadelphia man, killed himself with carbolic acid at the home of his son in Yardley, after he had carefully planned for the deed, among other things writing letters to his wife, his sister, and the county coroner. Harry Buckalew, a Trenton rubber worker, drank laudanum in his boarding house, but his life was saved by the efforts of a physician.

## Postoffice Robbed.

Stafford Springs, Conn., June 4.—Burglars bound and gagged Policeman Henry Mellen, the night watchman in this town, last night, and blew open the postoffice safe which was wrecked. They escaped with the contents which included a large amount of money and stamps, as well as some registered mail of considerable value. Postmaster Harry S. Abel will not disclose the amount of loot secured. The postoffice is situated in Warner's block, on Main street, and the burglars obtained entrance by climbing on a ladder at the side window.

## Mr. Bennett's Yacht.

New York, June 4.—James Gordon Bennett's fine steam yacht, Lystrata, arrived today from Marmelaris by way of Funchal, after a run of eight days, and two hours from the latter place. The yacht had fine weather with the exception of a gale in the Gulf Stream. The Lystrata is commanded by her owner, and has a crew of 80. Five guests accompanied him, one of whom is the celebrated French surgeon, Dr. Foggi.

## Mysterious Fire in Church.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., June 4.—A mysterious fire was discovered in the basement of the handsome St. Leo's Catholic Church, at Ashley this morning. The timely discovery of the fire prevented a serious conflagration. The origin of the fire is unknown but some believe it was of incendiary origin, as a mission for non-Catholics is being conducted in the church this week. The damage was slight.

## Railroad Accident.